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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

New claim 8 is supported by original claims 2 and 7. Applicants do not believe that new claim 8 introduces new matter.

In formal response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect without traverse to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, claims 1-5. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of nonelected claims 6 and 7 in a divisional application.

An information disclosure statement is being filed under separate cover. The Examiner is respectfully requested to delay any action on the application until the information disclosure statement is received.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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